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WITHIN a few days, BED-SITTING ROOM, with Board, for Married Couple. About \$140.
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2644
WANTED.
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W. BREWER & Co.,
Queen's Road.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2646
THE CHINA-AND-JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
WANTED.
YOUNG LADY for Office work. Must speak Chinese fluently.
Apply to MANAGER.
Hongkong, December 6, 1902. 2513
WANTED.
EXPERIENCED YOUNG MAN seeks employment in an Office. Good references.
Apply 'EXPECTANCY',
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, December 19, 1902. 2551
WANTED.
EMPLOYMENT After 5 p.m. by a young man. Fully competent to undertake any ordinary Office work. FIGURING, BOOK-KEEPING or TYPE-WRITING.
Apply 'E. S.',
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, November 25, 1902. 2421
WANTED.
FURNISHED ROOM with BATH ROOM attached in close neighbourhood. No objection to Kowloon.
Apply 'ROOM',
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, December 16, 1902. 2501
WANTED.
YOUNG ASSISTANT wanted for our Shanghai House.
Apply to—
ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD.
Hongkong, December 17th, 1902. 2598
SITUATION WANTED.
A GENTLEMAN well up in FRENCH COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE, and BOOK-KEEPING seeks employment in an Office; speaks a little English; good references.
Apply to 'M. R.',
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Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2631

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HIGH GRADE MANILA CIGARS.
ALWAYS IN STOCK.
ALL BRANDS.
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Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 10, 1902. 2547

THE POPULAR SCOTCH
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Come and see our New Stock of Photo Goods just received from New York.
Bring your Photo Work to us. It will receive prompt and careful attention.
Yours very truly,
C. E. LE MUNYON.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2637
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WATER.
THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATERS.
PURE, SPARKLING
INVIGORATING.
THE LEADING MINERAL WATER OF THE EAST.
Bottled in Japan by
H. E. REYNELL & CO.
BEWARE OF JAPANESE IMITATIONS.
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AGENTS FOR HONGKONG.
Pints \$5.50 per Case of 4 Dozen.
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ASSORTMENT OF WORK BOXES &c.
SUITABLE FOR WEDDING AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
PARLOUR GAMES AND CRACKERS
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.
CAMPBELL MOORE & CO., LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, November 11, 1902. 2295

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MADAME FLINT,
1 GRANVILLE AVENUE, KOWLOON,
Is now receiving regular Consignments of
HATS, BONNETS, BALL DRESSES and TRIMMINGS.
Direct from the best houses of Paris and Lyons.
UNTRIMMED HATS made up to Suit Customers.
Choice Assortment of
French Sweetmeats.
Just Received.
Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2604

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PACKING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
BOILER-COMPOSITION,
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ALWAYS KEPT IN STOCK.
ALL ARTICLES OF FIRST-CLASS QUALITY.
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TOYS and GIFTS.
FANCY LEATHER GOODS in Great Variety.
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A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL PROVIDED WITH EVERY COMFORT.
NEWLY-FURNISHED ROOMS.
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BEST QUALITY LIQUORS & PROVISIONS.
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HAPPY VALLEY.
FRESH MILK, TEA, COFFEE, COCOA and CAKES at all Hours.
"TIFINS" from 12 to 3 p.m. Dinners from 6 to 10 p.m.
SPLENDID LAWN.
UNDER EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.
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CAPEES and COATS.
FUR and FEATHER BOAS.
FRIZZE and HOPSACK.
TWEEDS and MELTON.
LACE COLLARS, RUFFLES and FICHUS.
SHOES and GLOVES FOR DAY and EVENING WEAR.
22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, December 6, 1902. 2095

LOST.
In the Lavatory of the Hongkong Hotel, a GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and Gold Chain, with Gold Locket and Japanese Ivory Charm attached.
The Finder will be Rewarded, if necessary, on returning same to
Care of 'China Mail' Office.
Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2632
NOTICE.
ON and after SATURDAY, the 27th December 1902, the Offices of the undersigned will be moved to the 1st FLOOR of No. 8, Des Vœux Road CENTRAL, (at the corner of Des Vœux Road Central and Ice House Street, above Messrs. Hughes and Houghton's Auction Rooms).
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2643
THE MUTUAL STORES,
8 and 10, D'Aguiar Street.
GENERAL PROVISION DEALERS,
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS, &c.
PRICES VERY REASONABLE.
GOODS GUARANTEED TO BE FRESH AND OF THE BEST QUALITY.
Hongkong, January 17, 1902. 118
BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
TANG YUEN,
MACD'ONNELL ROAD, from 15th January. Large, Airy, and Well-furnished Rooms. Uninterrupted View of Harbour.
Apply on Premises or FAIRALL & CO., Queen's Road.
Hongkong, January 2, 1902. 05
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A HIGH-CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.
Ladies' Aft-noon Tea Room.
Private Bar and Billiard Rooms.
Rooms specially reserved for Captain of the MERCANTILE MARINE.
Hot and Cold Water throughout.
Electrically Lighted.
Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.
Table D'Hôte at Separate Tables.
For terms, &c., apply to the
MANAGER.
Hongkong, October 23, 1902. 2172

Business Notices.
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.
Portland Cement.
In casks of 375 lbs net, \$6.00 per cask, or Factory
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FACTORIES—HONGKONG AND MACAO.
Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes and Fittings, Glazed
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For further particulars, apply to
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GENERAL MANAGERS.
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The Peak Hotel.
Admirably Situated—Sheltered from the North-East Monsoon and Open to the South-West Monsoon.
A COVERED GANGWAY LEADS FROM THE TRAMWAY TERMINUS INTO THE HOTEL.
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COTTAM & CO. OUTFITTERS.
HAVE NOW A FULL STOCK OF HOSIERY,
AND THEIR USUAL FINE SELECTION OF NOVELTIES FOR AUTUMN WEAR;
Also
FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND TENNIS GEAR.
WALKING AND EVENING GLOVES.
Hongkong, September 29, 1902. 228

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LONDON.
(Wine Shippers to China since 1816).
Have always Stocks of their well-known Brands with
SIEMSEN & CO. 1463
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
DAKIN'S ANISEED AND LICORICE COUGH BALSAM.
For the Relief of all CATARRHAL COMPLAINTS, such as COUGHS, COLDS
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Price 50 Cents and 81.
"MARTIN'S INFLUENZA MIXTURE."
THE REMEDY FOR INFLUENZA, COLD IN THE HEAD,
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SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.
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VERY LARGE STOCK—NEWEST STYLE.
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LETT'S AND SMITH'S DIARIES, 1903.
RACKET, RACKETS, \$7.50 EACH—SALTER'S BEST QUALITY.
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CHESS, DRAUGHTS, AND BOARDS COMPLETE.
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Owing to repairs to our present premises, we have this day REMOVED to 16, Queen's Road; entrance, bottom of Zetland Street.
Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS
Ho kong December 15, 1902

Intimations.

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BRAND Milk

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NEW SELECTIONS OF—

DIAMOND JEWELLERY AND ENGLISH SILVER-WARE.

HIGH-CLASS GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES.

LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SPECTACLES.

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A healthy child is naturally full of life. His mother will tell you **Rainier Beer** did her a lot of good. Its pure ingredients, its perfect brewing when used in moderation, all tend to build up the system. Better try it yourself. **SEATTLE BREWING & MALTING CO., SEATTLE, WASH. PHONE RAINIER 30**

Per Case (6 dozen Pints,) \$18.00
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N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hong Kong.

Hongkong, November 22, 1902.

A PERFECT BEVERAGE.

van Houten's Cocoa

is known and prized throughout the whole world for its high quality and delicious natural flavor.

van Houten's Cocoa

Best & Goes Farthest.

Intimations.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE Senders of Telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of JANUARY, 1903, the currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from 89.40 to 90.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected. Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2028

ZETLAND LODGE.
No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at FREEMASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1902, at 8 p.m. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2041

ROTHEN MARK LODGE—No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the ROTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL, on MONDAY, the 29th Instant, at 8.00 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2042

THE CHINA-BORN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORN COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of DECEMBER, 1902, at 12 noon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the subjoined Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.
That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1885 (1892), and that the Hon. and CHAS. STEWART SHARP, ALEXANDER GEORGE WOOD, and JOHN THOMAS MARTIN WHEELBY be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with full powers for each of them to exercise all the powers of the joint Liquidators.
Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JIPP, Acting Manager.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS, CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40 Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, December 16, 1902. 2039

LODGE EASTERN SCOTIA, F.O.W. LOON, 923 S.C.

THE installation of the R.W.M. Elect and investment of officers of the Lodge will take place on Tuesday, the 29th inst. at 6 p.m. sharp, at the Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, and not at Sir P. Claver's, Bungalow, Kowloon.

Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

Members are notified that a subscription dance will take place on the 15th prox., and those wishing to attend are requested to inform the Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2039

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the National Bank of China, Limited, will be held at the Bank premises, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st JANUARY, 1903, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

To receive and consider statement of accounts and balance sheet to 31st December 1902, the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Auditors, and transact the other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st day of January 1903, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 19, 1902. 2013

CHRISTMAS 1902.

THE undersigned is now prepared to supply **CHRISTMAS CAKES** of the best quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 15 lbs., and also **MINGE PIES, ASSORTED CAKES, &c., &c.**

D. NOVBOJKE & SON,
Hong Kong Bakery,
51, Des Voeux Road.
Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2022

NOVELTY.

CHARMING XMAS AND NEW YEAR POST CARDS

For sale at GRACA & CO. Foreign and Colonial POSTAGE STAMPS DEPOT at HONGKONG HOTEL CORRIDOR.
INSPECTION INVITED.
Hongkong, November 21, 1902. 2033

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the mentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th instant respectively.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. P. COCHRANE, Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
EVAN ORMISTON, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
G. MAYER, Acting Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'
TARO HODSOMI, Manager.

For the 'Imperial Bank of China,'
E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the 'Deutsch-Asiatische Bank,'
H. FIGGF, Manager.

For the 'Russo-Chinese Bank,'
J. H. R. TAYLOR, Representative in Hongkong.

For the 'Guaranty Trust Co. of New York,'
E. F. GROS, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2024

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

WITH a view to avoid the frequent revision of prices necessitated by the continued fall in exchange the Hotel Company's charges will, from the 1st January, 1903, be quoted in sterling.

Dollars will be accepted at the demand rate of exchange of the day on which payment becomes due.

H. HAYNES, Manager, Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, December 1, 1902. 2475

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT CO., LTD.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the remaining call of THREE DOLLARS per share is now called up and is payable at the Company's Office No. 37 Connaught Road on or before Jan. 2nd 1903.

On payment Shareholders will please hand in their scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order,
J. W. KEW, Manager.
Hongkong, December 16, 1902. 2574

WILLIAM MACLEOD, D.D.S., DENTIST.

11 and 12 BARNESFIELD ARCADE.
Hongkong, October 17, 1902. 2137

GERMAN S. S. PEIYANG.

ANY Claims or Bills against the above steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st December, 1902, or they will not be recognized.

EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., Agents.
Hongkong, December 4, 1902. 2502

NOTICE.

OWING to the large increase in the cost of fodder etc., we are obliged to raise the price of our Milk to 12 cents per small bottle from 1st JANUARY next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD.
S. A. SETHI, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG DAIRY,
G. W. GEGG, Manager.

Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2608

POHOOMAL BROTHERS.
Of No. 57 and 59, Queen's Road Central.

HAVE just received and unpacked the following articles for Xmas Presents Suitable to Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Japanese and Chinese Silk, Indian Embroideries and Cashmere Shawls, Indian Fancy Rugs and Carpets, &c.

Ivory, Sandalwood and Tortoise-shell Wares, Curiosities, and Fancy Goods.

An Inspection is earnestly solicited.
Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2575

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BRANCH HONGKONG HOTEL CORRIDOR.
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THE TANJONG PAGAR DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SINGAPORE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited, Singapore, is prepared to receive TENDERS for the CONSTRUCTION or COMPLETION of a new GRAVING DOCK at Keppel Harbour in Singapore, of the following dimensions, viz:—

Length 400 feet.
Width at entrance, at sill level, 66 ..
Depth on sill below H.W.O.S.T. 20 ..
as shown in the drawings and described in the specification.

Specifications and plans of the proposed Dock, may be seen at the Offices of the Company in Singapore.

The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Tenders shall be for a cash payable in Singapore, in Singapore currency.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to the 28th day of February, 1903.

By order of the Directors,
W. C. NIWEN, Secretary.
The Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited.
Singapore, November 21, 1902. 2515

Intimations.

ANGLO-AMERICAN STORES,

HONGKONG - 1 and 3, WELLINGTON STREET.
KOWLOON - 64, ELGIN ROAD.

- CHRISTMAS GOODS -

CHRISTMAS CARDS. TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS. XMAS PUDDING FRUITS. RAISINS, CURRANTS, Etc., Etc., Etc.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CAKES & SHORTBREAD. CALLARD & BOWSER'S BUTTER SCOTCH, Etc. CADBURY'S CHOCOLATES—FANCY BOXES. SWEETS, BEST KINDS, IN GREAT VARIETY.

YOUR INSPECTION IS INVITED. PRICES ON APPLICATION.

DOOLITTLE & POLLOCK, PROPRIETORS.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
CRUISER YACHT for sale, accommodation for 4; light draft, good sporting boat, about 45 feet over all, fully found. Price \$1,500. Offers considered or owner would sell share, as he very seldom uses her.

W. ROBINSON, ROBINSON PLANO CO., LTD.
Hongkong, October 31, 1902. 2224

Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr F. G. COLLINS to Sell by Public Auction, within his residence 'Durnford,' Mount Kellier, the Peak,

SATURDAY,
the 27th December, 1902, at 11 a.m.,

THE WHOLE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:—

BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESS, MARBLE TOP WASH-STANDS and DRESSING TABLE with BEVELLED GLASS, TEAK-WOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, LEATHER-COVERED CHAIRS, TEAK-WOOD OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED GLASS, DRAWN SERVICES, TEA and Dessert SETS, CUTLERY and GLASSWARE, OLD CHINA Vases (some of them are lost from Pokin), &c., &c.

Also
ONE Cottage Piano by COLLARD and COLLEARD, London (almost new).

A large ASSORTMENT of PLANTS in Pots. (Refreshments will be supplied during the sale.)

Catalogues will be issued. Terms—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2036

ZETLAND HOUSE.

No. 10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION. NEALS AT ALL HOURS.

BREAKFASTS, TIPPING, TEAS, DINNERS AND SUPPERS.

Moderate Charges. **MRS. WATLING, Proprietress.**
Hongkong, May 29, 1902. 1144

C. E. WARREN & CO.,

No. 30, DES VOUEX ROAD CENTRAL, BUILDING CONTRACTORS, STONE AND MONUMENTAL MARBLE MASONS.

AGENTS for the TAIWAN STONE and SHELL LIME FACTORY and THE HONGKONG BRICK THE CO.

AND ALL KINDS OF SANITARY APPLIANCES.
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A CHRISTMAS VISITOR.

BY KATHARINE TYNAN

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The wintry winds whistled round the Castle of Dromore, and below the pipping of the winds there was a dull persistent sound, the thud of the seas breaking at the foot of the crag on which the ancient house of the L'Estranges was built.

There were four persons in the room, Michael L'Estrange, Mistress Pamela his sister, Eily his daughter, and M. le Vicomte de Poitiers.

The last, a young gentleman of about twenty-three years, stood with a bowed head holding a skein of wool which Mistress Pamela was winding into a ball. He was extremely elegant in his coat and breeches of pearl grey silk, with white waistcoat and white silk stockings. His hair had been powdered, albeit the new Jacobinism was bringing in the fashion of wearing one's own hair; and it could not be denied that the powder was becoming to his face. He wore a slight moustache with points at either end. Its blackness and the darkness of his vivid eyes were in pleasant contrast with his powder.

Looking at him, bent low before Mistress Pamela's faded beauty, Michael L'Estrange's heart smote him at what he had to do.

He glanced sorrowfully at his daughter's profile where she sat at the old piano with its high back of faded red silk. It threw into delightful relief the rich colour of her cheeks and the outline of her bronzed-coloured head which had never known powder. There were soft fires in her eyes as they looked up while she sang. It was a song made for a child of her own house.

Take time to thrive, my rose of hope, in the Castle of Dromore. Take heed, young eagle, till your wings have feathers fit to soar. A little rest and then the world is full of work to do. Sing hushaby lullaby to him, sing hushaby lullaby.

The rich voice, almost too full for her slender young body, broke in the passionate tenderness of the nurse's song, and she turned from the piano with a wavering smile on her lips, though the passion of the music yet lingered in her eyes under the long lashes.

M. le Vicomte de Poitiers made a half-impulsive movement towards her. Then he remembered the fetters on his hands, and with a little murmur of apology to Mistress Pamela kept his place before her. Mistress Pamela had noticed the movement and smiled to herself. The woman was not so dead in her that she could not appreciate the young Frenchman's charming ways towards her, and his coming was an answer to prayer. 'What a match for Eily!' And the child's head over ears in love with him! The son of one of the greatest statesmen and soldiers in Europe. What a chance that in being the Grand Tour he should have visited these wild, and fallen head over ears in love with Eily!

But what was Michael saying? What was Michael, with his terrible pride, his fantastical sense of honour, saying? Mistress Pamela turned pale under her powder. 'You go to Dublin to-morrow, I understand, M. le Vicomte?' said Michael L'Estrange.

The young gentleman was so startled that he let Mistress Pamela's words fall, and made no effort to pick them up again. 'Pardon,' he said, 'Monsieur L'Estrange. To Dublin? No, I had not thought of it. I had thought to fish the trout in your delightful river, when the Spring should come.'

The colour came and went in his ingenuous cheek. There was a sharp sound in the room as though someone had caught her breath in a sob. Then the door closed: Eily had gone out.

'The trout-fishing is good,' said Michael L'Estrange, 'but so it is in a thousand streams. You are travelling to see the world, and if I remember rightly, M. le Vicomte, you intended but to spend one night at the *Angler's Rest*, which must have poor accommodation for your suite.'

'It is excellent,' the young man answered confusedly. 'But indeed I was not thinking of it. I have found friends here, in the Castle of Dromore. His eyes flashed preciously, but Michael L'Estrange had set his face like a flint. 'It is what my father would have wished, "Go, Henri," he said, when he parted with me, "see the world, my child, see men and women, beautiful scenery, and strange cities. Make friends, enlarge thy mind, come back to me a man of the world. Yet remember always that the world is not things but persons, that no natural beauty of inanimate things can equal the profound interest of the human character.'

M. le Duc is a past-master in his knowledge of the minds of men,' said Michael L'Estrange; 'but you will go to Dublin to-morrow, Monsieur.'

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The young man threw out his hands with a gesture of despair.

"You drive me forth," he said. "A day or two ago you offered me your hospitality for the Christmas, to see the mummies, the mystery play at your market cross, those so interesting arrivals. What have I done, M. de Correz?"

A low murmur of protest from Misses Pamela and her sister but hardened Michael L'Estrange's face. He turned away and began lifting one thing after another from the mantel shelf, and putting them back in their places.

"I am sorry, M. de Correz," he said, breaking the silence at last, "that I have not been to the Castle of Dromore as you wished."

"I go," said the young man in a low voice, "there is nothing to do but for me to go with a million thanks, M. de Correz, for your gracious hospitality. But I will come again. Ah, yes, I will come again. My father shall lead me."

"Your father's hands are too full of the affairs of Europe, young sir, to come as a suppliant to the Castle of Dromore and the poor L'Estranges."

L'Estrange spoke bitterly, his eye taking in the great bare room, where every article of furniture cried out for renewing.

The Vicar bent low over Misses Pamela and her sister. Then he bowed deeply to Michael L'Estrange, and was gone. The change of the great door behind him seemed to jar all the house.

"Were you wise, brother?" said Michael L'Estrange, with bitter mockery. "The Minister of a King, who is more King than his master, what has his only son to do with the daughter of the L'Estranges?"

"We are a proud and ancient family, brother."

"Too proud to seek such an alliance. I am the son of the Duke de Launay, I am the son of the Duke de Launay, I am the son of the Duke de Launay."

That night Michael L'Estrange sat late. The next morning at daylight Martin, his solicitor, set out with a letter in his breast addressed to the Duke de Launay.

After that the sadness which had seemed to lift from the Castle of Dromore fell on it more heavily.

Eily, who had been with him at the drawing room to themselves, and though he had had his way, and vindicated his honour, he was unusually conscious of his sister's reproachful eye upon him, and the depth of her sister, as she carried on her interminable knitting.

Many weeks elapsed before Martin returned. He had gone in late October: it was snowy Christmas weather when he came back. He carried a letter from the Duke de Launay, the contents of which were somewhat surprising to Michael L'Estrange.

The writer thanked him for his consideration for the family of De Launay, and went on:

"There will be in your neighbourhood almost as soon as this letter, a friend of our house, M. de Correz, whom I express to your country. He will command, wherever I have failed in my admiration for an honour so delicate, a pride so generous."

There was no time to decline M. de Correz as a guest, if L'Estrange could have thought of committing such a crime against hospitality. Briefly Michael L'Estrange imparted the news to his house hold, that they might look for such a visitor any hour of the day. There was no suggestion on his part that M. de Correz was other than one of his old comrades in the Low Countries, and as such Misses Pamela and her sister had no objection to his coming.

He was a little old man who walked with a limp, and had the finest old parchment face, with a thousand wrinkles upon it.

He came to the supper table in a faded uniform, with a few medals on his breast. Insignificant Eily had thought him at the first moment if she so much as thought upon him, a mere piece of flummery from the old wars, but as the minutes passed she began to change her mind. A sense of power, of domination, seemed to hang about the old soldier. His eyes now, those little eyes in deep sockets under parchment brows, how piercing they were, how commanding! Eily L'Estrange had an odd thought that if those eyes commanded her to do anything she must obey.

He faced her at the round table, and Eily felt those eyes often after. They made her curiously shy, yet their expression for her was kind one. Now and again she tried to meet his glance, but her eyes got no higher than the medals on his breast. To her his name was nothing. No, as with Michael L'Estrange. At sight of them his eye had kindled, for an instant he had made a gesture as though he would salute like a soldier. From the moment of seeing them his manner changed towards his guest, with a gentleness in one of his hands, seeing how highly they ranked their own house and their own blood. And as supper passed the two fell to talking of battles. They had fought in the same battles for the Lilies of France, and M. de Correz had apparently acquainted himself with his host's distinctions as a soldier; and presently Eily forgot her fear of the guest, watching with sparkling eyes her father's face, and listening to the stirring recital of the things the two soldiers had passed through.

M. de Correz seemed as loth to leave the Castle of Dromore as M. de Launay. He had been here a week or more. It was bright Christmas weather, frosty, with icicles hung on every bough. They had had all the Christmas diversions, the mummies, who rumped through their streets, the mystery play, the Christmas story night after night at the Castle of Dromore, had played their Old Testament mystery-play at the Tholose. M. de Correz had privately been made free of the hall, but to wish that all this world went which was held in a deep quarry on L'Estrange's land.

Christmas day came bright and clear with a continuance of the hard weather. There was plenty of skating on the frozen inland from the Castle of Dromore, miles of it, which roamed M. de Correz, he said, of the Lowlands of Holland in a hard winter.

"The two old comrades sucked their pipes on the banks of the marshes that Christmas afternoon, and talked incessantly of old battles. They had never yet touched the subject which was the cause of M. de

Correz's visit—but after a time as Eily's lonely young figure passed and re-passed, they came naturally to it.

"She is charming, charming," said M. de Correz, eagerly. "As graceful as you saw when he is in his native element, as lovely as a goddess."

"She is my one joy in life," said Michael L'Estrange, with a sigh.

"You will not care to give her up to a husband?"

"Ah! I would not have her grow old unmarried. But... there is no one here for her. The few gentlemen enjoy themselves in Dublin. There are only the peasants and shopkeepers of our little town."

"Only those?"

Michael L'Estrange flushed.

"You know she is another sister, De Correz, since you are the Duke de Launay's friend. But that I did not entertain. It would be no suitable marriage for the Vicomte de Poitiers."

"Ah, my friend, M. de Correz took snuff, as then he handed the snuff-box to his companion. "You say so, yet I think you hold your child the equal of any man."

"Perhaps. I am too proud not to see it as the world would see it."

"What would you have more? Yours is a noble and ancient family, as honourable as yet in any of the line. The child is divine. I understand the father's infatuation. I am become infatuated myself."

"His father would not agree with you, De Correz."

"Ah, why not? It is a brave man, simple in his way. He married for love himself, and he would have set his wife against all Europe. He would have the same happiness for his boy."

"If I could believe it?"

"You would recall the Vicomte?"

"I could desire nothing better. The child loves him. I am in conflict with her, for she has never denied her anything. It hurts me."

Agnes M. de Correz took snuff.

"Ah, bah! Do not fret, my friend. We cannot hinder them, these children. We are not soluble in the stream. They are swept past us."

He had seen as Michael L'Estrange had not how in the gathering dusk another sister had joined Miss Eily on the ice and taken her hand, and the two had glided away together into obscurity.

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"Ah," said M. de Correz, with an expressive gesture of disgust, "so they have found me out. The Empire might have run a little while without me, seeing that I am an old man and cannot live many years longer. The despatches, my friend, let me see them. I may receive them here, L'Estrange. Ah, Henri!"

"M. de Vicomte de Poitiers," shouted Denis, recovering himself as a splendid young figure in white and gold passed him, and flung itself upon M. de Correz.

"Father!"

"Ah, impulsive one. I came in answer to thy letter. It was the last way. Forgive me, my friend—to Michael L'Estrange—my masquerade. I had to see for myself. She is adorable. My only grief is that we rob thee of her, unless indeed thou wouldst leave the Castle of Dromore. Shall we not make them happy, this night of Christmas?"

"Supper is served," announced Denis. Michael L'Estrange took his daughter's hand and placed it in the Vicomte's as the Duke de Launay bent low over Misses Pamela praying that he might have the honour of conducting her to the supper-table.

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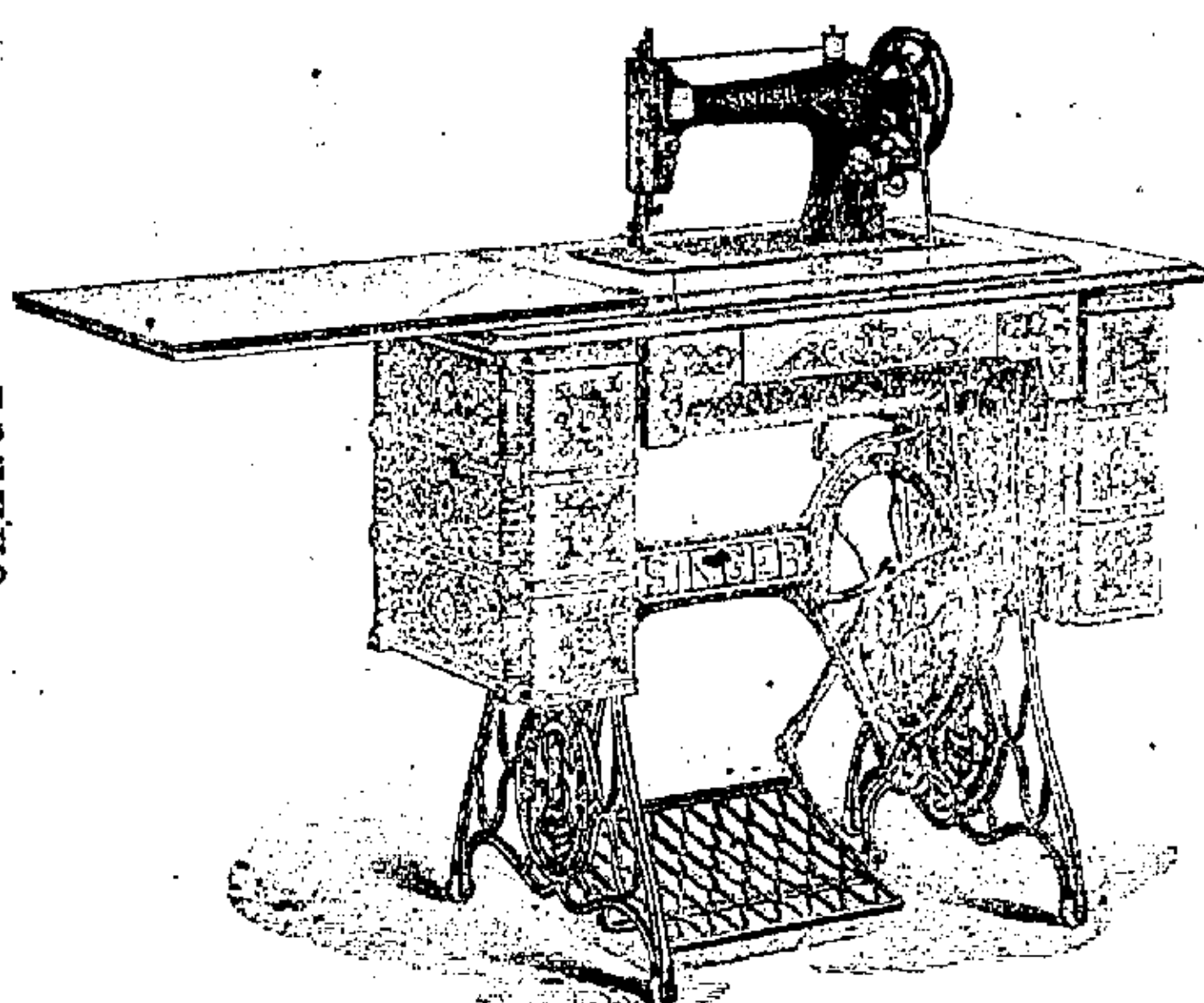
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General Memoranda.
Friday, December 26:—
Local Banks close.
Goods per *Mermaidshire* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Saturday, December 27:—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.
9 p.m.—Competition for Long Range Cup and Spoons, &c., of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

Monday, December 29:—
9 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China-Borneo Co., Ltd., at the Company's Registered Office.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of 12th Mark Lodge.

Tuesday, December 30:—
Goods per *Indra* not cleared at Noon on this date subject to rent.
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Tanning Co., Ltd., at Company's Registered Office.
6 p.m.—Meeting of Ladies' Eastern Section, Kowloon, 3023 S. C. at Masonic Hall.

Wednesday, January 1:—
9 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The National Bank of China, Ltd., at the Bank's Premises.



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MARRIAGE.
On the 17th December, at St. Peter's Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. J. H. France, DAVID CHRISTIE to EDITH JONES.

DEATH.
On the 23rd December, at 28 Caine Road, ELIZABETH, the dearly beloved wife of G. J. W. King; aged 45 years.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1902.

CHRISTMAS AND YULE.

CHRISTMAS time brings a mingled cup of joy. All anniversaries have the bitterness of reminding many of us that another year has passed and that one fewer remains to be lived in this world, which, with all its faults, no one is anxious to leave. After a certain age, few men and no women are glad to be a year older. Still, there is none so old that he cannot hope to live another year, and the uncertainty as to how many more Christmases we may each see is a precious possession. A wise man would be willing to live for ever, if he knew exactly what span of life were before him as he would be, if he were assured he should live for ever. The dreaded day is approaching, but we cannot measure its steps, so that the sombre certainty does not oppress us as the inexorable advance of death would if we could measure its steps. No sane man would be willing to live for ever, to outpass all his loved ones and sink into the immortal senility of the Laputan Struldbruggs of Dean Swift's grim satire. These thoughts seen out of keeping with the mirthful season, but they are strictly relevant. Long before the Christian era, Christmas, the winter solstice, was the festival of death. Nature had been slowly dying; beasts and birds had been migrating or retiring to hibernate; the trees had been slowly doing the glorious robes of autumn; the very sun had risen later and later day by day, taking a lower range and a shorter course, and the iron-bound earth showed no promise of the recurrent resurrection miracle of spring. Men's minds claimed a reaction, and the time of the death of Baldr became a season of saturnalia, vivid and deliciously exuberant in contrast to the gloom that nature impressed on the hearts of men. Hence Yule was the time of the religious and social rites in which man revolted violently against the depression of his environment. Then Christianity took hold of Yule and transmuted it into Christmas, a time not merely to rejoice but to make others happy also, to eat the fat and drink the sweet and send a portion to those for whom nothing is provided. One of the lessons which Christianity compelled the captured and enlisted heathen festival to teach was the minor one of goodwill. The heathenism of it survives in the pudding, the mistletoe and holly, the snapdragon and the kisses that constitute Christmas to a child; and the disappointed heart and soured minds of their elders, who have learned how much bitterness mingles with the sweetest cup, are relaxed and softened by the contemplations of their joy. The man who strove earnestly to be happy, and strove in vain, said at last that he would give up his vain endeavour, and strive to make others happy instead. And, lo, the happiness he had vainly sought came in abundance to himself also. There are deeper and truer lessons in the season, lessons the enunciation of which belongs rather to the pulpit than to the columns of the newspaper, but the lesson of the larger charity is before us all, the charity which is not mere almsgiving but can be shown brightly by those who have no aims to bestow, in the attempt to give others a merry Christmas. Those who do not do this will have a doleful time themselves, with bills and pills instead of toys and joys. Those who contribute to the glee of others, and especially of the little ones, cannot fail to secure their own gladness by the act. We remember also that the world with all that is in it belongs to the children, not to us. We are fast loosening our grip on it, and they will shortly enter into their inheritance. Let us make these future masters of our accumulated experience and industry glad while we may, that they may cherish our memory and pass on the joyous tradition to unborn generations. In after days, thy memory shall be blest. By children of the children of thy child. The very time that slackens work is the time that men have leisure to think

kindly thoughts and to do kindly actions. Then the gloomy thought that 'I have now a year less to live' will give place to the exultant assurance that 'I have put to my credit otherwhere, one more twelvemonth, the close of which at least was marked by some good work for my fellow-men.' If it be true that a man who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before is a benefactor to the empire, it follows that the man who sends one ray of sunlight to gladden the opening mind of youth or the darkened heart of aged experience has done no mean service to humanity. Thus, we may garner the passing years into kings' treasure houses, and punctuate the world's progress with the recurrent gratification of the recurring wish—
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Yesterday afternoon, the Government stole a march upon the Unofficials by reading the whole of the deferred clauses of the Public Health and Buildings Bill in the absence of some of the Unofficial Members. When we last commented on the progress of this Bill, we complimented the Legislative Council on the efforts it was making to pass it into law at an early date; but we pointed out that certain changes in the arbitration clauses were desirable, and we understand that it was the intention of the members who were absent from yesterday's afternoon sitting to offer serious opposition to the Government's proposals. The Government knew some of the members had to attend a Committee meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss a subject as important to this Colony as the Public Health Bill, and surely the Government, in the circumstances, could have agreed to take the debatable clauses at the forenoon sitting or postponed consideration till all the Unofficial Members could be present. Of course, the points at issue can be raised on the third reading, and it is to be hoped the Unofficials will endeavour to bring about the alterations we suggested on the 19th inst.

Recent decisions of local Hongkong's juries in the collapsed JURY SYSTEM houses cases will raise doubts whether trial by jury in Hongkong is a success. It would be considered iconoclastic to propose the abolition of the jury system, but it seems to us, looking over the jury decisions in Hongkong for the past fifteen years, that miscarriages of justice have been frequent and the verdicts of the juries too often glaringly inconsistent with the evidence submitted for their adjudication. We do not say this was so in the case decided in the Criminal Sessions this week; but the comments of His Honour the Chief Justice and of the learned Attorney General upon the jury's verdict and their extraordinary and inconsistent rider provide food for reflection. The rider to the jury's verdict points to the conclusion that the wall that fell and caused loss of life was imperfectly constructed and that the accused persons who built it were incompetent, but they acquit these incompetent persons of criminal negligence amounting to manslaughter, advocate more stringent laws and official supervision and throw a certain amount of blame upon the Public Works Department. As the Attorney General said: The rider is absolutely inconsistent with the verdict, and the verdict with the rider; taken together, they stultify the jury. If by their rider the jury mean to imply that the Government must provide supervisors to supervise constantly the construction of every building in the Colony, then they take a somewhat extraordinary view of the duties of governments. The responsibility for inefficient or scamped work must always rest upon the party who builds, and if juries will not convict the parties directly responsible but shift the blame on to those only indirectly involved, then the law cannot be made effective and the public will continue to inhabit houses in this Colony and walk its streets at the peril of their lives, while the guilty parties go free. In this connection, it is not better laws we want, but better juries; or, perhaps better still, no juries at all.

Mr. McCalmont's Sudden Death.
As he was going out on the morning of the 8th inst., Mr. Harry McCalmont, M.P., the well-known owner of race horses, was suddenly taken ill on his doorstep, and died almost instantly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

A letter on 'Chivalry and the Chinese' is held over.

The King of Greece was born on the 24th December, 1845.

There is a proposal to build a graving dock at Newcastle in Australia.

The meeting of the Papal Consistory has been postponed till February next.

The English Mail of the 22nd November was delivered in London on the 20th inst.

The Rev. Arthur Knight, Fellow of Caius College, has been appointed Bishop of Rangoon.

The manager of the Esperance Insurance Company, Paris, has absconded with 3,000,000 francs.

Mr. Killbride, the Irish M.P., has been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for inciting to murder.

Sydney is observing strict precautions to prevent the importation of plague from Hongkong or India.

Colonel Stowell, Director of Military Education in India, who is now in England, is resigning owing to ill-health.

Mr. Bennett Burleigh, the indefatigable war correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, is now in Somaliland.

It is notified that from the 1st proximo all silver and copper coins in India will bear the likeness of King Edward VII.

The Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Talbot) has directed his clergy to pray for Mr. Chamberlain's guidance in bringing about the pacification of South Africa.

The Pope has appointed a commission of Cardinals for the preservation of the Roman Catholic faith against Protestantism in Rome.

There were 588 European and 114 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 85 European and 2097 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ending the 21st Dec.

Illegal Hours.

A Chinaman living at 408, Des Vaux Road, was fined \$25 for the Magistrate, to-day, for selling liquors after the legal hour.

Freemasonry.

Lord Kitchener has been appointed District Grand Master of Freemasonry in the Punjab in succession to Sir Power Palmer.

King Edward and Ireland.

It is untrue that Earl Dudley has stated that the King will visit Ireland early in 1903. Nothing is settled about such a visit.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

A Spoken competition will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Members are requested to be on the Green in good time.

Hongkong Gun Club.

The attention of members is directed to the Gun Club notification which appears in our advertising columns. The December competition for the Keswick Cup is postponed till Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 1st, 2nd and 3rd January.

Still Under Ban.

Manila is still to be kept under ban as cholera-infected. At Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, on the motion of the President, it was decided to recommend the Government not to rescind the proclamation and to continue the inspection of ships arriving from Manila.

Execution.

Private Abbott, of the Warwickshire Regiment, who was sentenced to death by a court-martial for the murder of Captain Neave, last September, was hanged at Baginbun on the morning of the 4th inst. in the presence of all the troops in the garrison.

Return of Sir Paul Chater.

Among the passengers who returned by the German mail steamer *Prinzess Alice* to-day were Sir Paul Chater, Dr. Jordan, Mr. A. G. Morris, Mr. J. E. V. Vernon, and Mr. R. A. Gubbay. They were welcomed back to the Colony by a large number of friends.

Christmas Holidays.

During the Christmas Holidays the Post Office will be open during the hours stated below:—

On Thursday, the 25th inst., from 8 to 9 a.m. On Friday, the 26th inst., from 8 to 9 a.m. All correspondence for local delivery on these days may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be left open during the time the office is closed. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Not Sitting.

There will be no sitting of the Supreme Court in Original Jurisdiction until after the holidays.

The Transvaal Schools.

The Government of the Transvaal has decided that the schools shall be conducted in English, though Dutch will be taught for five hours a week, including Biblical instruction.

Quong Tart's Assault.

At Sydney, on the 1st inst., Frank Duggan was convicted of having in August last assaulted and robbed, Quong Tart. He was sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude.

Suicide of a Noted Shot.

The noted rifle shot, Colonel Thomas Lamb, late South Lancashire, while returning from the international competition in Canada, committed suicide with a rifle aboard the *Eturia*.

Imperial Colonial Battalion.

Major-General Sir Charles Parsons, commanding the regular forces in Canada, suggests the formation of an Imperial Colonial Battalion, with headquarters in England, the various colonies supplying the companies.

Boers' Hidden Money.

Another £130,000 which was concealed by the Boers in South Africa until the close of the war has been landed at Hamburg and handed to Dr. Leyds. And this while the Boer generals are appealing to the world for financial help to relieve Boer distress in South Africa!

Alleged Embezzlement.

M. H. Baptista, a Portuguese clerk in the service of the Chamber of Commerce, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$138.93 and \$1,963.84 from the funds of the Chamber. He was formally charged at the Magistrate, to-day, and remanded by Mr. Kemp, bail being fixed at \$10,000. Mr. Looker is conducting the prosecution, and Mr. d'Almada the defence.

Fever Precautions.

The tenants of Macdonnell Road and Kennedy Road have been advised by the Medical Officer of Health (Hon. Dr. Clark) to boil all water used for consumption, as a precaution against enteric fever. A similar recommendation has been sent to the Principal Medical Officer of H. M. Forces with reference to all buildings in military occupation between Queen's Road East and Macdonnell Road.

Christmas Services.

The services in St. John's Cathedral on Christmas Day will be as follows:—Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.; Matins and Holy Communion, 11 a.m. There will also be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at the Peak Church at 8 a.m.—A special Christmas service will be held to-morrow at St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West, commencing at 10 o'clock. There will be special music, and the offertory will be devoted to the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. All are cordially invited.

Postponed.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, an application was considered from Messrs Palmer & Turner, architects and surveyors, for permission to erect three water-closets in the building on Inland Lot No. 1,633. The applicants stated that there was an abundant supply of water in the gully on the east side of the lot, producing a constant stream of water even in the driest season. The water was at present running to waste, and it was proposed to apply to Government for permission to utilise it for flushing purposes. Decision of the matter was postponed.

Why he Lied.

The stories told by Chinese in the police courts would incline one to believe them to be the race of born liars some writers say they are. At the Magistrate to-day a case was heard in which a native charged a British constable with having \$15 from him. Mr. Ferrers defended the officer and succeeded in exposing his mendacious accuser. Mr. J. H. Kemp asked the Chinese why he lied, receiving the answer: 'I said he stole my money because he assaulted me.' A statement no doubt just as true as the original charge. The Magistrate contented himself with cautioning the unscrupulous perpetrator of the truth; a month in jail would have been more convincing.

The 'Chingta' Case.

The *Torres Straits Pilot*, commenting on the Chingta case, says:—Most people will see some incongruity in the sentences imposed in Sydney on the Chinese who were sentenced for perjury in the case against Messrs Kerr and Pargelly, and on Frank Duggan—a white man who seriously assaulted Quong Tart, the well-known Chinese caterer of Sydney, in August last. On the one hand we have three Chinese, for falsely swearing away the lives of two white men, getting the light sentences of from three to five years. On the other a white man, for assaulting and robbing a Chinese, gets twelve years. The sentences are worth while being noted in London *Truth's* pillory. The diabolical attempt to fix a charge of murder on innocent men is deserving of a life sentence if Duggan's sentence is a just one.

Plague in Australia.

A fatal case of plague is reported at Townsville (Australia) on the 26th ult., the victim being a Mrs. O'Sullivan. There are other cases in the same town.

Football.

On Saturday afternoon next, in the first round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Gloria*. Kick-off at a quarter to four. Mr. Triggs will officiate as referee.

Vital Statistics.

The mortality statistics for the Colony for the week ended 13th inst. show a death-rate per 1,000 per annum of 19.5, against 22.8 in the previous week and 23.6 in the corresponding week of last year.

Frau Krupp's Benevolence.

London telegrams state:—Frau Krupp has given a further sum of 3,000,000 marks, in order to establish a workman's benefit fund in memory of her husband. Frau Krupp has given another million marks for the general benefit of the town of Essen.

Played Policeman.

Jip Sik donned the cape and coat of a native constable and proceeded to blackmail the proprietor of the Tang Kim shoe-maker's shop. He secured 15 cents and then he assaulted the shoemaker. At the Magistrate, to-day, he was sentenced to two months for the theft, \$10 or fourteen days for the assault, and \$100 or three months for playing policeman.

A Dorelict.

Captain Easterbrook, of the British steamer *Indra*, which arrived from Manila yesterday, reports that at noon on the 22nd inst. he picked up a boat floating bottom upwards. The boat had evidently been in the water some time as it was covered with barnacles. There was no name or mark upon the boat which would lead to identification.

The Christmas Holidays.

There will be no issue of the *China Mail* to-morrow (Christmas Day). Friday's issue will be published early; but Peak subscribers will receive their copies at the usual hour. On Pages 2 and 3 of this issue, we publish a Christmas story by Katharine Tynan, the well-known writer, and on Friday and Saturday stories by Barry Pain and W. Pett Ridge will be published.

Death of Mr. W. P. Galton.

The *Evening Echo* of the 13th inst. says:—One of the old landmarks of the port has been taken away from us this week by the death on the 11th inst. of Mr. W. P. Galton at 64 years of age. The name of Galton has so long been associated with Funchow that the blank will not fail to be felt by the community and all those who have at any time resided here. Mr. Galton had been in an indifferent state of health for some time, and although in consequence of this his end of life was not altogether unexpected, the news of it came upon his friends with somewhat of a shock, seeing that he had been amongst them as late as Sunday last. Mr. Galton was twice married. Two sons and two daughters by his first wife survive him, and much sympathy is felt for them and for his widow in their bereavement. The funeral took place yesterday at the Cemetery, which was largely attended by members of the Community. The Service was impressive, read by the Rev. J. Martin.

Total Wreck of a Steamer.

A telegram from Perth (West Australia), dated 3rd inst., says:—Captain G. Rindlich and a crew numbering 34 of the Austrian steamer *Zofr*, of 2103 tons, loaded with sugar, bound for Adelaide, ranched Carnarvon to-day. The steamer went aground on the 27th ultimo at Point Cloates, and is a total wreck. No lives were lost. The captain and the men left the steamer in three boats. These they beached 10 miles from the mouth of the Gascoyne River and continued their journey on foot to Carnarvon. Point Cloates is situated about 125 miles north of Carnarvon, a town near the mouth of the Gascoyne. The *Zofr* was a comparatively new vessel, and sailed from Java on November 23 for Melbourne, via Adelaide. She was a steel screw steamship of 2355 tons gross and 2103 tons net, and was chased 100 A1 at 14,000 h.p. The *Zofr* was built in the year 1900, by Messrs. J. Priestman and Co., at Sunderland, and was owned by the Societa di Azioi Ungaro Croata per la Nav Libera, of Fiume, Hungary. Her principal dimensions were:—Length 139 ft., breadth 48 ft., and depth 21 ft. 6 in. She was supplied with engines of the triple expansion type, the diameters of the cylinders being 25 in., 24 in. and 48 in., with a stroke of 48 in.

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Signor Marconi has established wireless telegraphic communication between Cape Breton Island and Cornwall, and has transmitted a number of inaugural messages, including one from the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, to His Majesty King Edward. This is the first time that messages as distinguished from letters have been transmitted.

VENEZUELA.

The British ship *Fantome*, one of the warship blockading Venezuelan ports, is aground at Barrancas, on the Orinoco River.

LATER.

The Italian ship *Giuseppe* has captured a Venezuelan schooner.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKESHAN.

It is estimated that 16,000 houses were destroyed and 2,500 people killed by the earthquake at Ardjoun, Pershanna, Persia, Turkistan, where the rumblings continue. The work of excavation is proceeding, despite all efforts, and the assistance of the Government, the inhabitants are suffering the utmost privations.

BANK FAILURE.

The old established bank of J. & J. W. Pease, of Darlington, has summoned a meeting of its creditors. The liabilities are half a million sterling.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.

The following is the continuation of the discussion on the Public Health Bill at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council:

Sir H. Berkeley proposed the following definition of a room: "Room includes any subdivision of any story of a domestic building other than a room used as a dining room, sitting room or pantry. In this definition he had endeavored to meet the fair criticism that had been passed upon the clause which prohibited certain rooms except of certain dimensions."

This definition was approved. The second proviso to section 45 (Overcrowding) was altered to read as follows: "Any cubicle in any existing domestic building which has a window or window opening directly into external air of a total glazed area of not less than one-twentieth of the floor area of such cubicle may be inhabited in a proportion not exceeding one adult for every 35 square feet, etc."

Clause 38 put a restriction on partitions, alterations, etc., in tenements, including the provision that no blind be hung in any verandah or balcony except with the permission of the Board.

The Governor thought they could get at the solution of this difficulty by prohibiting the dropping of blinds between a certain hour at night and certain hours in the morning. This would prevent balconies and verandahs being made into enclosed sleeping places.

After discussion, it was agreed to alter the section so as to prohibit the letting down of blinds between sunset and sunrise. On the motion of Dr. Ho Kai, the addition which had been made to section 39 was also made to the first bylaw under the heading "Prevention or Mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic or Contagious Disease," viz. "And reasonable compensation for property destroyed or damaged shall in such cases be given."

On the consideration of the arbitration clauses.

Mr. R. Sheehan was of opinion that the provision should be made for the payment of fees to arbitrators appointed under the Bill.

Sir H. Berkeley held that payment of the arbitrators was unnecessary. The clauses were approved as drafted. The bill, as passed through Committee, provides that in giving compensation for property resumed an average rental of five years shall be taken as the basis. It was suggested by the Attorney-General that the previous meeting that the period should be ten years.

On the motion of the Attorney-General a general instruction was given the Clerk of the Council to re-arrange the clauses for the third reading of the Bill.

The Governor having requested. The Governor said: "I am very much obliged to you, gentlemen, for your attendance in connection with the Bill—a long and a very heavy Bill."

British Naval Precautions.

We recently heard, and have since confirmed (says the *Times of Ceylon*) that the Collector of Customs sent round a circular some weeks ago to the various coal trams in Colombo making enquiries on behalf of the Admiralty: such enquiries seeming to indicate that the Admiralty desired to keep a larger stock of coal here than it has hitherto done. The considerations which have to be recalled are the sudden and important demands, and the waste of money which results from the keeping of the larger stock than can be turned over in a short period. The following paragraph is from a commercial letter despatched from Calcutta on the 21st Nov., and published in Bombay, but the quantity mentioned is ridiculously large, and represents at least 20 times the quantity now kept here by the Admiralty:

"In the coal stores there has been a good demand for Standards, and business is reported at 104. Enquiry for coal is increasing, and according to the latest reports, the Admiralty has ordered the stocking of half a million tons of coal in Colombo. Should this be confirmed, we may look for higher prices. In the meantime, two steamers have been chartered for Colombo at B-4 and one for Bombay at B-44, for February, March and December loading respectively."

MY NOTE BOOK.

By the Casual Critic.

Had Mr Dooley been in the Supreme Court House on Monday afternoon he would probably have made the remark—"Juries, juries, is a grand institution. Parliaments spin ages in making laws and by-laws. The chaps in the wigs and gowns spout before me lord, the Judge, telling him what he should tell the jury to do, and then me lord has his say. And then comes the jury. They have been sittin' all the time, wonderin' maybe what half the talk is about, waitin' their opportunity. Now it's come. And grand is the way they rise to it. Talk of Hanzel and Bontparte or Casey—Divila bit are they in it wid a jury. While Sir Henry and the Judge were layin' down the law to them, 'e'y was in a most beautiful oblyvion—metaphorically speakin', as Denny Hegarty sez in his guide-book to the new court house that's so new that nobody's seen it, yet. But now's their chance, and they knows it. They go into their little room and they have it out between them. In the good old days when I used to be in jury, it used to be heads or tails for it, or perhaps a three-side match with the Foreman as umpire. It wuz quicker an' just as good. Now, it's a talkin' match, 'twy man talkin' at wasst, an' nobody listenin'. An' the man wid the biggest wind wins."

"Is the judge shuprior to the jury? Are you shuprior to your wife, Himmissey? Is the lamp at the fut of the Shreet shuprior to the Sun? 'Sorra! the once av it, me boy. Look at that jury, me thick-headed frien! observe the complacent smile av ethereal happiness playin about their imposin' phinges. Think av' their history. The first jury made King John make him, an' he had to. Like Pat Fafferty's parties, six in power, in power they be, and the looks av their faces tell 'em: 'Don't yiz forget it. They don't give a thranyen fur all the judges that iver thrived to teach a jury its business. They're the crone off the skin milk they be, an' if yiz biled em they wouldn't be any different. Think av their verdicts. I wanst new jury that returned a sensible verdict. What happened? The Judge died av' a fit, an' the leadin' Counsel forgot about his fee. A jury's verdict is like thin pithers of U Lamm—if yiz look at them directly yiz ill see different things every time. Is this way? The jury found the prisoner not guilty, but added a rider to the effect that his lordship should ask the Governor to stick another law in the Statute Book to add to the wanst law already and which wud have helped them to punish the prisoner if they'd had a mind to, but they had not. An' his lordship tellin the prisoner not to do it again, he wuz discharged, an' the jury complimentary for its elyphantine intelligence. We are a great people, Himmissey, but the flower av' the flock is the jury."

There is no truth in the rumour that the next annual report of the work done by the Public Works Department will be issued at Tili's Eve. The statement will be issued very shortly after the budding of the new year.

Amongst the Christmas gifts received by a Hongkong lady were two pairs of beautifully-fashioned skates! A chip of Happy Valley ice would be a nice New Year's gift for the jecting benefactor.

The case of Sergeant Riley of Sheffield is somewhat sad. He is officially dead, and consequently neither eligible for pay nor discharge. The War Office killed him ten months ago during the wedding out of the case his means of livelihood to the governor of his comrades. He has assured the War Office that he has not joined Queen Anne and the majority, but they decline to believe him—they know better. Being dead, one would think that he should be free of the roll-call and barrack rules. Riley is not, but as he is dead in the Regimental books, his leave nights have been stopped. He is at his wife's end to know what to do and how to convince the noble establishment in Pall Mall that he is no mere shade, but a real, live Riley.

I pray you, fair mosquito, with the tapping fine tui, and torrid tee. Refrain from biting. A wise and keen old medicine deep into your ways has passed and so.

Your late mother. As maliciously-inclined, he urges us to plead before you, *cutie and myphie*, Hence this writing.

[Dr. Thomson believes that if the mosquito mosquito could be induced to refrain from biting healthy persons, malaria would cease to be.]

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 24th at 11.40 a. The barometer has fallen generally, particularly in the North.

Pressure remains high over Central China, but there are indications of the existence of a low area over Manchuria. Moderate monsoon on the China coast, strong monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—moderate N. winds; fair.

"So Caydog has recovered?" "Yes. The lucky fellow was too poor to be operated on."

THE UNLUCKY BOY.

It is always getting his fingers burnt, his hand cut, or his shoulder sprained. His parents should keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house. This is a liniment of superior merit. One application gives relief. Try it. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Dollar.

Calcutta, December 2.—The official dollar exchange rate for the China station, is fixed at one shilling and eight pence for the forthcoming quarter.

The Boer Prisoners.

Stim, November 28.—The repatriation of the Boer prisoners is proceeding rapidly. Of the 9,120 prisoners originally landed in India only 3,034 now remain, and of these 1,444 have sworn or declared allegiance to His Majesty King Edward. In a few days all the prisoners' camps will have been closed except those at Shahjehanpur, Delhi and Ahmednagar.

Lord Kitchener.

Calcutta, December 2.—The *Gazette Extraordinary* announces the appointment of Lord Kitchener to be an Extraordinary Member of the Governor-General's Council.

The Plague.

The latest weekly returns show that a further decrease from 6,535 to 5,877 deaths has occurred in the Bombay Presidency from plague, and an increase from 773 to 1072 in the Punjab.

Famine Relief.

December 4.—The numbers under famine relief in India fell last week to 23,897, a reduction of six thousand in seven days. Almost the whole of those remaining on relief are infirm, aged and children.

Heavy Insurance Losses.

November 29.—A gale of Ralli Bros. jute press at Chitpore containing a large quantity of jute was completely burned down yesterday.

Afghan Affairs.

Allahabad, December 3.—The amount of transport required for the Seistan Mission may be judged from the fact that 1,390 camels have had to be hired in addition to the Sillabani Camel Corps available. Captain Tutenham, Transportation Officer, Baluchistan, has been appointed to the charge of the hired animals.

The Afghans who were induced some time ago to enlist in the Afghan army, are now deserting freely. They do not appear to feel certain that their pay will be at all regular.

The Atlantic Combine.

London, December 1.—In connection with the Atlantic Steamship Combine, Mr. Pierpont Morgan is now in London, and is paying to-day £4,500,000 sterling cash to shareholders of the White Star and the Dominion Lines as part payment for shares.

Accident to Lord Milner.

Lord Milner, at Harrismith, is reported to have been thrown from his horse, but his injuries were slight.

A Lake Steamer Founders.

Nov. 30.—News from New York states that an American steamer has foundered during a gale on Lake Erie, and the crew of fifteen men were drowned.

A Boiler Explosion.

It is reported that a boiler explosion took place in the electric lighting building of Swift's Packing Company, Chicago, which killed eleven men and injured twenty others.

Dillon very ill.

Mr. John Dillon, M.P., who has been very ill at Chicago, is now reported to be worse, and his wife was being summoned.

Police Active Again.

Latest news from the Cape indicates reports that Mount Pelée has again become energetic, and another violent eruption has taken place.

Fire at Rat Portage.

December 1.—A fire at Rat Portage, Canada, destroyed 25 million feet of lumber, many houses, and six steamers, the damage being estimated at 1,000,000 dollars.

Cold Weather.

November 25.—Intensely cold weather is reported from Paris, and five deaths in the streets are recorded from it.

King's Hospital Fund.

The trustees of King Edward's Hospital Fund have divided £100,000 among ninety-eight institutions.

Smallpox.

An outbreak of smallpox has occurred at Blackburn, Lancashire, and is creating a deal of alarm. Twelve deaths are reported.

A Divorce Case.

November 27.—Sir Charles Cradock Bartop is seeking a divorce from his wife, Earl Cowley being co-respondent. Sensational evidence is being given, and his wife denies the adultery and alleges her husband is guilty of cruelty to her, and of witchcraft, and asks for dissolution of the marriage.

A Big Scheme.

November 26.—The Eastern Cattle, Cold Storage, and Land Company is now being formed with a capital of £450,000, to develop 22,000 square miles of country on the Port Darwin side of the littoral of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The Company is to export beef, and it is also proposed to settle a colony of Italian sugar-growers.

Strike Leader Sentenced.

Kecke, the chairman of the Miners Strike Committee at Swansea, has been sentenced to twelve months for maliciously wounding imported labourers.

Attempt to Wreck an Express.

A disabed attempt was made to wreck the Midland Express at Drwem, Lancashire. Fortunately the attempt was discovered and frustrated.

The Governor-General of Australia.

The *Specialist*, in an article on the Commonwealth of Australia, states that a salary of £10,000 and one house is ample for the Governor-General. The journal adds that it would be well if he received a hint to live as a gentleman and not as a financial prince.

Russian Troubles.

November 24.—There is a growing crisis in Southern Russia, and 140,000 workers have been discharged from the collieries, ironworks and oil mines, during the past year.

Dec. 2.—Half the Customs officers at Nicolaieff have been dismissed for black-mailing foreign ship-owners, who paid to secure landing and prompt despatch.

The Boer Leaders.

The *Times*, commenting upon General Buller's interview with Mr. John Redmond, M.P., and Mr. W. O'Brien, M.P., and General Buller's companionship with Dr. Leyds at Paris, remarks that if the Boers really desire fellow-citizenship in heart and law they must exhibit reciprocity, since their causality in regard to breaking the oath of neutrality in wartime renders it necessary to scrutinise their acts and intentions closely.

Mr Chamberlain's Reply to the Boer Appeal.

Dec. 2.—General Louis Botha has expressed confidence in, and gratitude for, Mr Chamberlain's letter of the 6th November. General Botha now appeals for subscriptions for the injured and destitute, remarking that "concerning the widows and orphans, who are the immediate object of the solicitude of the Government, there is still room for assistance beyond the limits of official action. General Botha promises that there shall be no periodical statement of the distribution of the funds."

In his letter of November 6, after traversing statements made by the Boer generals in their appeal to the Continent for subscriptions, Mr Chamberlain stated that the colonial Government assumed the entire responsibility for the maintenance of destitute orphans, and suitable provision would be made for widows.

Eighty-two acres of houses in the Ends Court district, London, the property of Lord Kensington, were sold by auction yesterday and realised £250,000, or a sum of £250,000 below what was expected.

The winter in North America is very severe. There is a foot deep of snow in New Jersey. The wolves of Mexico and New Mexico have descended from the mountains and are preying upon sheep in the valleys.

The Hauly pit, at Pontypridd, Wales, has been closed owing to the absence of a wages arrangement. One thousand men have been thrown out of work.

The newspapers *The Spectator* has been found for publishing a better advertisement. The case was brought forward as a test. An appeal has been lodged.

Dec. 3.—Lloyd and Lloyd, Limited, manufacturers of wrought iron tubes and fittings, of Birmingham, and A. and J. Stewart and Sons, Limited, iron and steel tube manufacturers, of Glasgow, are amalgamating under the style of A. and J. Stewart and Lloyd and Lloyd. The capital of the amalgamation is £1,400,000.

(Via Geneva Mail.)

The Sensation Divorce Case.

Calcutta, December 1.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily News*, telegraphing on the 8th instant, states that the divorce case in which Sir Charles Cradock Bartop, fifth baronet, is the petitioner and Earl Cowley co-respondent, is causing a great sensation. It has already occupied seven days. There are cross charges made that, after the marriage, Sir Charles Cradock Bartop obtained from Mr. C. H. Wilson, M.P., the wife's father, the sum of £12,000 to settle with his former mistress, Mr. Wilson, in open Court, described Sir Charles Cradock Bartop as a lying scoundrel. A great sensation was caused when the respondent admitted that he offered her husband £20,000 to allow her to divorce him.

[Sir Charles Cradock Bartop was born in 1858, and succeeded his father in 1888. He married in 1895, but there is no son; his elder brother in 1891, is his heir. Sir Charles was educated at Eton; was formerly a lieutenant in the Scots Guards, and served in the Egyptian Campaign in 1882 (medal and clasp); and owns about 200 acres. The third Earl Cowley, who served with the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa, is 37 years of age, and succeeded his father in 1895. He married the daughter of the first Marquis of Abercorn in 1899, but eight years later divorced her and his wife, the Viscountess Darnley, was born in 1890; and 'Who's Who' gives his address as Agra, India. Mr C. H. Wilson, is a shipowner and has been Member for West Hill since 1874; Mrs Wilson is a daughter of Colonel W. H. C. Wesselsley.]

Obituary.

Lahore, Dec. 5.—Lieutenant Finca, R.A.M.C. died at Peshawar yesterday from enteric fever.

The death occurred here to-day of Mr. D. K. Brown, of the Dalhousie football team.

The Bishops and the Education Bill.

London, December 11.—The Bishops have called their Education amendment dealing with the maintenance of schools in face of Government and Liberal opposition in the House of Lords.

It is expected that the House of Commons will ignore the amendment as a breach of privilege.

The Uganda Railway.

December 10.—The House of Commons agreed to a resolution on the Uganda Railway Lord Cranborne admitted that the increase was partly due to avoidable mistakes and that further expenditure was possible, but the cost compared favourably with the Cape and Natal railways, averaging £2,500 per mile.

To-day's Advertisements

HONGKONG GUN CLUB. "KESWICK CUP"—DECEMBER COMPETITION.

IN consequence of the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, the above Competition has been postponed till THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd JANUARY, 1903.

A. TURNER.

Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2631

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. THE Company's Steamship "THALES," Captain Rosson, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 27th December, at 3 p.m.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2634

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION ON SATURDAY, the 27th December, will be for the LONG RANGE CUP and SPOONS, commencing at 2.15 p.m. Ranges 700, and 800 yards. 10 shots and a sighter at each Range.

M. S. NORTHCOTE.

Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2630

In the Matter of ORDINANCE No. 2 of 1902.

And In the Matter of the PETITION of GEORGE ARCHIBALD LOWRY, Mechanical Engineer, of 1124, Monadnock Block, 280 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of an Invention for "Process of and Apparatus for Ginning Cotton and Similar Material."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Petition, Specification and Declaration required by the above Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said GEORGE ARCHIBALD LOWRY to apply at the Sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for a LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the said Invention.

And Notice is hereby also given that a Sitting of the Executive Council, before whom the matter of the said Petition will come for decision, will be held in the Council Chamber, at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1903.

Dated the 14th day of December, 1902.

STEPHENS & THOMSON.

Solicitors for the Applicant.

Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2633

Intimations.

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Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2636

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HUGHES & HUGH,

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. 2638

To-day's Advertisements

WARRANT OFFICERS, STAFF SERGEANTS AND SERGEANTS' DANCE CLUB, HONGKONG.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, ADEEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Silesia*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED, whence delivery may be obtained.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Consignee before Noon, on the 30th December, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 31st of Dec., will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WILDER & Co., Agents.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR NEW YORK.

S.S. Adria, Capt. SCHAAUBSCHMIDT, 28th December, 1902. Freight.

FOR GENOA AND HAMBURG.

S.S. Strassburg, Capt. MAHNER, 30th December, 1902. Freight and Passengers.

FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

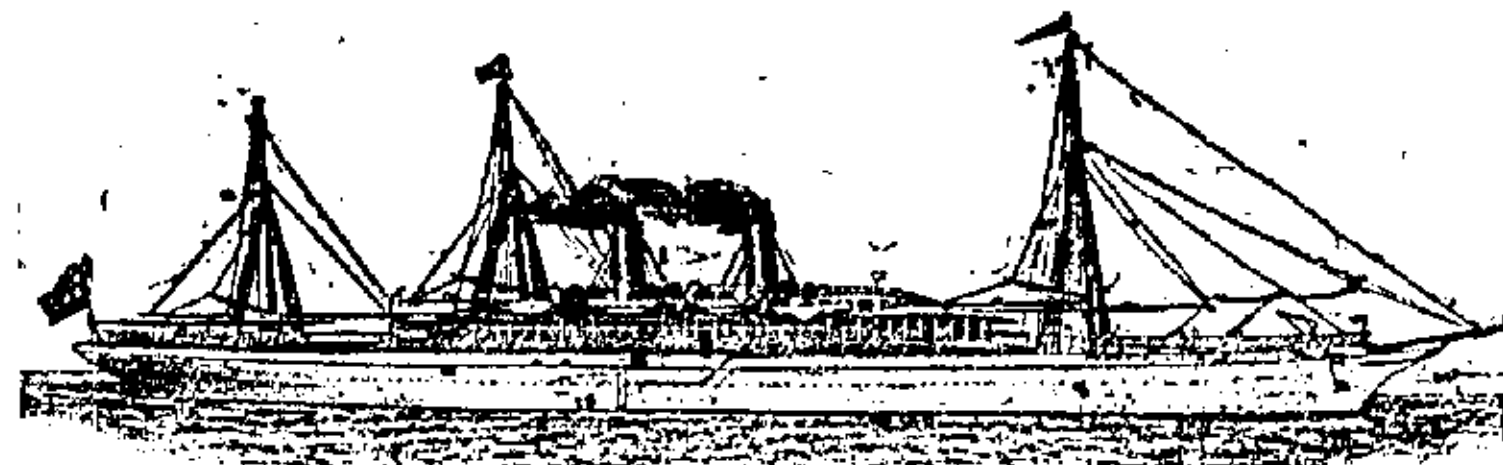
S.S. Nienburg, Capt. JABER, 13th January, 1903. Freight.

FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

S.S. Silesia, Capt. BAHL, 27th January, 1903. Freight and Passengers.

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R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, 6000 Tons, WEDNESDAY, Mar. 11, 1903.

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA, 6000 Tons, WEDNESDAY, Mar. 18, 1903.

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA, 6000 Tons, WEDNESDAY, Apr. 1, 1903.

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, 6000 Tons, WEDNESDAY, Apr. 22, 1903.

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA, 6000 Tons, WEDNESDAY, May 6, 1903.

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF INDIA, 6000 Tons, WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1903.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1902.

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Steamers, Destinations, Sailing Dates.

SADO MARU, S. J. G. PARSONS, MARSILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID, SATURDAY, 27th Dec., Daylight.

YAWATA MARU, A. E. MOSES, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, SATURDAY, 27th Dec., at Noon.

SHINANO MARU, W. THOMPSON, VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., Via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, TUESDAY, 30th Dec., at 4 p.m.

KUMANO MARU, E. W. HASWELL, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, Via MANILA THURSDAY ISLAND, THURSDAY, 1st Jan., at 4 p.m.

SANUKI MARU, W. THOMPSON, KOBE and YOKOHAMA, FRIDAY, 2nd Jan., at Daylight.

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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL, PROMETHEUS, 8th January.

GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL, PYRHIUS, 14th January.

GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL, DIOMED, 28th January.

HOMESWARDS.

LONDON, PELEUS, 8th January.

LONDON, ANTONOR, 20th January.

LONDON, TELENACHUS, 3rd February.

LONDON, PROMETHEUS, 17th February.

LIVERPOOL, TYDORUS, 20th January.

LIVERPOOL, DABIANUS, 30th February.

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OUTWARDS.

FROM STEAMERS DATE

GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL, PARKING, 22nd January.

GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL, CHINGWU, 3rd February.

HOMESWARDS.

MARSILLES, AMSTERDAM, AND ANTWERP, COPACK, 16th January.

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Hongkong, December 23, 1902.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR STEAMER TO SAIL

KOBE, WUBU, 25th December.

SHANGHAI, KANSU, 27th December.

NINGPO and SHANGHAI, KANSU, 29th December.

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TREMONT, 9606 T. W. Garlick, Dec. 30.

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OLYMPIA, 2837 J. Truebridge, Jan. 17.

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Doddwell & Co., Limited, General Agents.

Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

NAMED:—

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YMA VIA SHAI, MOI and KOBE, Manila, R. A. PETERS, About 30th Dec.

ROBE, Manila, G. R. LONGDEN, R.N.R., About 31st Dec.

SHANGHAI, China, C. L. DANIEL, 2nd January.

LONDON, &c., Valetta, W. B. PALMER, R.N.R., Noon, 3rd Jan.

LONDON VIA SUEZ, PANG, CLEO, PORT SAID & MARSEILLES, Bombay, H. S. BRIDSHAW, Noon, 7th Jan.

PASSENGER SEASON, 1903.

For MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH and LONDON Direct, 6,064 Tons, 28th March.

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* For Freight only.

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P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

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Hongkong, December 20, 1902.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For STEAMER LEAVING

TAMSU, Via SWATOW and AMOY, DAIGI MARU, SUNDAY, 28th Dec.

FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW and AMOY, ANPING MARU, WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified Doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs water-front premises at Tamsui to land all Passengers and cargo.

For Freight, Passage and further information apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Vaux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, MANAGER.

Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

Via PORTS and SUEZ CANAL (With Liberty to Call at Philippine Ports)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CROYDON, 1903.

MOGUL, 1903, 6th Jan.

HINDUSTAN, 1903, 15th Jan.

SHIMOSA, 1903, To Follow.

For Freight and further information, Apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1902.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

(ORIENTAL S. S. CO.)

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's well-known Steamship ROBILLA MARU, 3869 Tons, Captain E. P. BISHOP, will be despatched for MANILA on TUESDAY, the 30th December, at Noon. To be followed by Resetta Maru on or about 6th January.

Magnificent Accommodation. Comfortable Cabins. Excellent Table. Unrivalled Speed. Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardesses carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Prince's Buildings, Ice House Street, Hongkong, December 24, 1902.

* BEN' LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR GENOA, ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship BENLOMOND, Capt. HUTTON, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 31st Dec.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Co.'s Japanese Mail Steamship, KUMANO MARU, 5,000 Tons, Captain R. W. HASWELL, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 1st January, at 4 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially constructed for service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior Accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardesses carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, December 20, 1902.

Shipping.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship HAITAN, Captain ROACH, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th December, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship YUEN-SANG, Captain P. H. ROLFE, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th Inst., at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 23, 1902.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA SANTA ROSALIA (MEXICO).

THE Steamship VICTORIA, Captain CASEY, will be despatched for the above port on or about the 28th December.

For Freight &c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1902.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN PORTS, AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship TAISETTA, Capt. W. B. PALMER, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on SATURDAY, the 3rd Jan., 1903, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable Goods for France, and Tea for London (under arrangements) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay, WITH TRANSHIPMENT.

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Notices to Consignees.

INDRA LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Company's Steamship *Indra* having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant at Noon will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be entertained.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. To-day.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2640

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Catharine* having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. on the 24th instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.

Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1902. 2633

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP VICTORIA.

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOBI.

THE above Steamer having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1902. 2615

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship *Silesia*, Capt. BAILEY, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Under-Signed and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from along-side.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before 3 p.m. To-day, the 18th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2607

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER BALLARAT.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—

From LONDON, &c., on 23rd inst., *British*.

From LONDON, &c., on 23rd inst., *B.L.S.N.* and *P.S.N.* Co's steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 p.m. to-day.

Goods not cleared by the 25th Dec., at 3 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

R. A. HEWITT.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 19, 1902. 2614

Not Responsible for Debts.

NEITHER the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

LUNDAUN, British 4-masted barque, Capt. Parrell.—Standard Oil Co.

LUNDAUN, American ship, Captain O. Johnson.—Order.

PLEAIDES, American steamer, Captain W. H. Smith.—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

WILSON, American bark, Captain C. H. Mackoon.—Standard Oil Co.

Insurance.

WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW

about a life insurance company is just what you would want to know about a bank or any other institution in which you thought of investing—

What is the company's earning ability as shown by its past history?

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These two questions answered, and the rest is of secondary importance. Any agent of the Equitable will answer these questions—or any others—to your satisfaction.

F. KIENE, Hongkong Manager.

EQUITABLE LIFE.

14, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, October 21, 1902. 1265

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.

CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.

TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £3,452,044.

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £1,103,883.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,

Praya Central.

1142

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1901, £15,722,000.

Authorised Capital, £3,000,000 0 0

Subscribed Capital, £2,750,000 0 0

Paid-up Capital, £2,687,500 0 0

Fire Fund, £2,605,548 5 2

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN AND CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 2, 1902. 1537

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at Current Rates.

HOTZ, JACOB & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, March 31, 1900. 738

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A Policy of Life Assurance is the cheapest and safest mode of making a certain provision for one's family.

For full particulars, apply to—

Messrs DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

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Hongkong, December 24, 1902. 2523-8

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CHINA MAIL Office, Dec. 1900.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1902. 25

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MEMBER INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND

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DRY... 8.00

SCOTCH WHISKY... 15.00

SOLE AGENTS,

H. PRICE & CO.,

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458

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £10,000,000

RESERVE FUND, £10,000,000

Sterling Reserve, £10,000,000

Silver Reserve, 4,750,000

REVENUE LIABILITY OF, £10,000,000

PROFITABLE

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—

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BANKING CO., LD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per

cent per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 3 months 2½ per cent per annum.

" 6 " 3 " " "

" 12 " 4 " " "

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 13, 1902. 356

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-

ducted by the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-

TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-

plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at

3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors

may transfer at their option balances of

£100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on

FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per

annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai

Banking Corporation,

J. R. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 1, 1900. 1517

THE

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK,

LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED... Yen 24,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP... " 18,000,000

CAPITAL UNPAID... " 6,000,000

RESERVE FUND... " 8,910,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

TOKYO. KORE. NAGASAKI.

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SHANGHAI. PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:

The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

Par's Bank, Limited.

The Union of London and Smiths

Bank, Limited.

HONGKONG BRANCH—Interest allowed.

On Current Account at the Rate of 2%

per annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months, 5% per

annum.

On fixed deposits for 6 months, 4% per

annum.

On fixed deposits for 3 months, 3% per

annum.

TARO HODSUMI,

Manager.

Hongkong, October 31, 1902. 559

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE

15th NOVEMBER, 1895.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... Fls. 5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL... " 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS:

CANTON. PEKING.

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CHUNGKING. SINGAPORE.

HANKOW. TIENTSIN.

THE BANK PURCHASES and receives for

Collection Bills of Exchange drawn

on the above places, and Sells Drafts and

Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its

Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills Discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at

the Rate 2% per Annum on the Daily

Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 3 Months... 3%

" 6 " 6 " " "

" 12 " 12 " " "

F. W. RUTHER,

Manager.

Hongkong, January 18, 1901. 1570

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA.

LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £374,744.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors.

CHAN KIT SIAM, Esq. (J. KENNEDY, Esq.)

CHOW TUNG SHING, J. LAUREN, Esq.

Esq.

Chief Manager

Geo. W. E. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months fixed... 5%.

Hongkong, November 20, 1901. 117

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED... £1,125,000

PAID-UP... £362,500

RESERVE FUND... £50,000

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts

at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily

Balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 12 Months... 4%

" 6 " 3%

" 3 " 2%

EVAN ORMISTON,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, April 1, 1902. 234

Banks.

GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

(AMERICAN BANK).

Established 1864.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, U.S. \$2,000,000 Gold.

RESERVE AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS, \$1,800,000 Gold.

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F. C. BISHOP, Manager Eastern Dept.

LONDON BANKERS:

PAR'S BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG OFFICE—

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Chingta (s)	Butterfield & Swire...	December 29.
Australian Ports	Eastern (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Jan. 9, Daylight
Bombay, &c.	Konic Albert (s)	Melchers & Co...	Jan. 6, at noon.
Bombay, &c.	Bonhomed (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	December 31.
Bombay, &c.	Strassburg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	December 30.
Bombay, &c.	Nurnberg (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 13.
Bombay, &c.	Silesia (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	January 27.
Bombay, &c.	Pekin (s)	Butterfield & Swire...	December 26.
Bombay, &c.	Peleus (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 31.
Bombay, &c.	Glenloch (s)	McGregor Bros. & Gow	January 5.
Bombay, &c.	Valenta (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 3, at noon
Bombay, &c.	Rohilla Maru (s)	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Dec. 30, at 3 p.
Bombay, &c.	Yuen-sang (s)	Tateishi, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 27, at 4 p.
Bombay, &c.	Tonkin (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 29, at 1 p.
Bombay, &c.	Sada Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha,	Dec. 27, Daylight
Bombay, &c.	Yawata Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha,	Dec. 27, at noon
Bombay, &c.	Adria (s)	Hamburg-Am'ka Linie	Dec. 26.
Bombay, &c.	Croydon (s)	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About Dec. 25.
Bombay, &c.	K. Luan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 29.
Bombay, &c.	Victoria (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Dec. 28.
Bombay, &c.	Kansu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 27.
Bombay, &c.	Prinzess Irene (s)	Melchers & Co.	Dec. 26.
Bombay, &c.	Intervall (s)	Portland & A. S. Co.	January 14.
Bombay, &c.	Bombay Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha,	Jan. 2, at noon
Bombay, &c.	Catherine Asper (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Dec. 30, at 3 p.
Bombay, &c.	Charles (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Dec. 27, at 3 p.
Bombay, &c.	Unitan (s)	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Dec. 26, Daylight
Bombay, &c.	Anping Maru (s)	Oaskan Shosen Kaisha,	December 34.
Bombay, &c.	Daigi Maru (s)	Oaskan Shosen Kaisha,	December 28.
Bombay, &c.	Athenian (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	December 31.
Bombay, &c.	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	January 14.
Bombay, &c.	Empress of India (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	February 11.
Bombay, &c.	Ningchow (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 15.
Bombay, &c.	Tramont (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	December 30.
Bombay, &c.	Victoria (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	Jan. 3.
Bombay, &c.	Tacoma Olympia (s)	Dodwell & Co. Limited	January 17.
Bombay, &c.	Kobe Silesia (s)	Sander, Wiedler & Co.	Dec. 25, Daylight
Bombay, &c.	Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 30.

DECEMBER 24, 1902

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$ 125	all	\$662½, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	19,970	£ 2	£ 8	\$26, sellers
Do. Founders' shares	29,965	£ 10	£ 8	\$26, sellers
Do. Founders' shares	750	£ 1	£ 1	\$10, sellers
CHINA INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 35	\$ 50	\$167½, sellers
China Trade's Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$ 250	\$ 25	\$58, sales & sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 177½
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	£ 100	£ 20	\$1, nominal
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 200	\$ 50	\$34, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$133, sales
FIRE INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 100	\$ 20	\$84½, sellers
Heungfong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$ 250	\$ 50	\$345, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$ 50	all	\$210, buyers
Gr. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$50, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	£ 10	£ 2	\$4½, sellers
S. C. Farman, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	53,700	£ 100	Tls100	Tls. 185, sellers
STAMBOUR, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$27½, sellers
Do.	10,000	\$ 50	\$ 15	nominal
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$ 50	all	\$41½, buyers
H.K. O. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$35, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	\$5, buyers
Shan Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$29, sales & buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	20,000	£ 1	£ 1	\$17.6, sellers
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 290, sales
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,600	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 55, sellers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	6,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 146, buyers
Co-operative Ice Company Co., Ltd.	3,000	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 146, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$ 100	all	\$86, buyers
Iuzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$ 100	all	\$12½, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 70½, ex div.
H.K. & Kwai, Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	£ 50	all	\$88, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	20,100	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 307½, sales
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	60,000	\$ 100	100	\$185, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	39,000	Tls. 50	Tls 50	Tls. 123, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company	6,000	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$31, buyers
Wai-wei Land and Building Co., Ltd.	3,764	Tls. 25	Tls 25	Tls. 16
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	\$ 10	all	\$12
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$57, buyers
TRAMWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$ 100	all	\$34½, sales
MINING.				
Jat-bui Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$ 5	all	\$1½, sellers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$ 10	all	\$2½, sellers
Shanghai Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$ 5	all	\$75, sales & sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	16,000	Fcs. 260	all	\$600, sellers
Roubt. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£ 1	£ 15	\$5, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,000	\$ 50	all	\$141, sellers
Oriente Hotel, Manila.	7,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$27½, sellers
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin).	2,000	Tls150	Tls 50	Tls. 140, sales
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	30,000	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$32½, sales
DEBENTURES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	80,000	\$ 10	all	\$14½, sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$7½, buyers
LIGHTING.				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	£ 10	all	\$140, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	80,000	Tls. 60	Tls 50	Tls. 120, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$15.10, sales & buyers
New Electric Light Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$5.50, sales & sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$20½
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$14½, sellers
A. S. Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,604	£ 12½	£ 12½	\$1, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	100,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$24, sellers
Do. Limited	100,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$15
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	6,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$40, sellers
H.K. Steam Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$35½, buyers
Shanghai Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 7½	all	\$11, sellers
Shanghai Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$ 25	all	\$240, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	2,200	£ 2	£ 20	Tls. 380, buyers
Shanghai Planting Company, Ltd.	20,000	\$ 5	\$ 5	nominal
Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 10	all	\$12½, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$17½, sellers
T'wo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	Tls. 10	Tls100	Tls. 40
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls 75	Tls. 40
Kowloon-Kow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls100	Tls. 44
Shanghai Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 50	Tls 70	Tls. 180
China-Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$9.85, buyers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	\$ 20	\$ 15	\$25, sellers
Hongkong Trading Company, Ltd.	20,000	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$22, buyers
Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.	4,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$50, nominal
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limit ed	1,200	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$35
W. W. Power, Limited	12,000	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$39, buyers
SHIP CARRIAGES.				
China Motor Vehicle Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$30, sellers
China Motor Vehicle Co., Ltd.	200	\$ 500	\$ 50	\$60, buyers

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Outstanding Quotations Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$ 125	all	\$626, sales
Natients Bank of China, Limited	19,970	10	8	\$20, London, £83
	23,925	2	8	\$29, sellers
Do. Founders' shares	750	1	1	\$10, sellers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$ 350	57	\$1674, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	2	25	Tls 1774
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	50,000	100	20	\$1, nominal
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	250	80	\$460, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	100	60	\$133, sales
FIRE INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 100	20	\$84, sellers
Heungfong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	60	\$346, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$ 50	all	\$210, buyers
Keo, Farwick & Co., Limited	4,000	1	25	\$40, sellers
New Amoy Dock & Wharf Co., Ltd.	4,000	1	63	\$44, sellers
S. C. Farman, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	56,700	100	Tls100	Tls 185, sellers
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$ 50	50	\$25, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$ 50	all	\$414, buyers
H.K. Co. M. & Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	15	15	\$35, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	10	all	\$85, buyers
Sui Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	10	10	\$23, sales & buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,000	10	1	\$17.6, buyers
Shanghai Tug Boat Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls100	Tls100	Tls 290, sales
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls 50	Tls 50	Tls 55, sellers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	6,000	Tls 100	Tls 100	Tls 146, buyers
Co-operative Shipping Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls 100	Tls100	Tls 146, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$ 100	all	\$86, buyers
Iuzon Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$ 100	all	\$124, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	60	Tls 60	Tls 703, or div.
WINE.				
H.K. & Kwai, Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	\$ 50	all	\$88, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	20,000	Tls 100	Tls100	Tls 3074, sales
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and	10,000	\$ 100	100	\$185, buyers

Land Investment Co., Ltd.	39,000	Tls.	50	Fls.50	Tls.
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Waglow Land and Building Com- pany, Ltd.,	6,000	\$	50	\$	30	\$31, buyers
Waglow Land and Building Co., Ltd.	3,764	Tls.	25	Tls.	25	Tls. 16
Waglow Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	100,000	\$	10	all		\$12
West Point Building Co., Limited...	12,500	\$	50	\$	50	\$57, buyers
TRAMWAYS.						
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$	100	all		\$345, sales
MINES.						
Ji-chiu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.,	80,000	\$	5	all		\$14, sellers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.,	50,000	\$	10	all		\$21, sellers
" " Preference shares...	16,000	\$	1	all		75 cents, sellers
Société Française des Charbon- nages et Houillères du Tonkin	30,000	Fcs.	250	all		\$600, sellers
Robt. Aest. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.,	200,000	£	1	15/10		\$8, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.						
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.,	12,000	\$	50	all		\$141, sellers
Oriente Hotel, Manila,	7,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$274, sellers
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Hankow),	2,000	\$	100	Tls.	50	Tls. 140, sales
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	30,000	\$	25	\$	25	\$324, sales
DEPARTMENTAL.						
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited,	10,000	\$	10	all		\$141, sellers
Watkins Limited	80,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$174, buyers
LOGGING.						
H.K. and China Logging Co., Limited,	7,000	Tls.	10	all		\$140, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.,	8,000	Tls.	60	Tls.	50	Tls. 120, sales
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$12, sales & buy
New Electric "new" Co., Ltd.,	30,000	\$	10	\$	5	\$6.65, sales & sell
BRICK AND CEMENT.						
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.,	50,000	\$	10	\$	16	\$201
ASBESTOS.						
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.,	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$141, sellers
Manila Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,604	£	12/6	£	21/6	\$1, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	100,000	\$	10	\$	4	\$94, sellers
Green Island Cement Company, Ltd.,	100,000	\$	10	\$	5	\$55, buyers
Manila Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.,	7,000	\$	60	\$	60	\$40, sellers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.,	10,000	\$	75	all		\$11, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$	75	all		\$240, sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.,	7,000	£	2	£	20	Tls. 380, buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.,	20,000	Tls.	20	Tls.	20	Tls. 200, buyers
Shanghai Woop Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	10	all		\$121, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	12,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$127, sellers
" " Cotton Spinning and Weav- ing Co., Ltd.,	1,450	Tls.	0	Tls.	10	Tls. 40
International Cotton Manufac-	10,000	Tls.	75	Tls.	75	Tls. 40

g. Mow Cotton Spinning	8,000 Tls.	100 Tls.	100 Tls.	4
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Yee Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 50	Ts. 100	Tls. 180
China-Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$	10	\$ 85, buyers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	7,500	\$	10	\$ 25, sellers
Universal Trading Co.	20,000	\$	20	\$ 22, buyers
Chong Chong Fung Co., Ltd.	4,000	\$	50	\$ 50, nominal
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$	10	\$ 35
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,000	\$	10	\$ 94, buyers
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Imperial Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50	\$ 60, sellers
Wm. H. Williams Limited	200	\$	500	\$ 50, sellers

YATES.	Amount.	Voice.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	7 Tls. 767	10 Tls. 2607	% p. annum 10 % prem.	

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